

Share Performance

Commerce Asset-Holding Berhad (Commerz) Price Movement 2004



The Kuala Lumpur Composite Index (KLCI) which ended 2003 at 793.94 points improved to close at 907.43 points as at end of 2004. This is the second consecutive year that KLCI has ended in positive territory. The KLCI peaked at 909 points on 22 March, 2004 and bottomed out on 17 May, 2004 at 781 points. The interruption to this ascent in March was mainly driven by external factors such as concerns of US interest rate hike, China hard landing and higher oil prices.

During the year, there were two good periods of equity market performance. One was in the first quarter of the year, when the global outlook was still positive and foreign investors were warming up very quickly to the changes implemented by the new administration. The second period of good performance began in early November driven by the falling greenback and the speculation of a ringgit re-peg.

Through efforts such as the Government Linked Companies (GLC) restructuring, the investor perception of listed Corporate Malaysia has significantly improved. Significant inflow of portfolio money has occurred beginning third quarter 2003 and up to third quarter 2004. For this five quarter period, the total net portfolio inflow was RM29.2 billion. It can be surmised that foreign funds are no longer underweight in Malaysia.

For CAHB, total market capitalisation stood at RM12.7 billion at the end of 2004 compared to RM10.6 billion as at the end of 2003. Foreign ownership increased from 20.67% at the end of 2003 to 31.11% at the end of 2004.